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GERMANS CLOSE BELGIAN BORDER; PLAN NEW BLOW

Kaiser Seals Frontier to Keep Scheme Secret—Counter Stroke Expected.

(By the International News Service.) London, July 26.—Germany has sealed the Belgian frontier, according to dispatches tonight from Amsterdam. She is pouring great masses of troops into the west and the frontier has been closed as a precaution against any of their movements becoming known.

"The German army is excited, realizing the crucial stage of the war has arrived," says a Central News telegram from Holland. "Belgians are not allowed to leave their homes while the great troop movements are in progress."

This news is received here as indicating that the Kaiser plans a tremendous counter-stroke against the French and British. It is expected to be launched either on the Somme across the ground where the allies are carrying on their great offensive, or, perhaps, farther to the west. It is believed there is possibility it may take the form of the long-expected drive on Calais, in an effort to relieve the pressure being brought to bear against the German lines in Picardy.

Simultaneous new and violent attacks against the Verdun front are expected. That Germany is preparing for her final and most desperate effort in an attempt to wrest the offensive from the allies is the general belief in London.

On the main battle front in Picardy today unfavorable weather hindered operations to such an extent that only local actions were fought.

SEES VICTORY FOR BRITISH

Lord Derby Says Volunteer Army of Patriots Can't Be Beaten.

(By the International News Service.) London, July 26.—Lord Derby, under secretary of war, who recently visited the British front, today gave the International News Service his impression of the work being done there by the British army.

"I never saw such absolute confidence not only among officers but all the grades from the generals down. The spirit is absolutely magnificent. Men, who fifteen months ago were in counting houses, are today the finest kind of soldiers imaginable."

"After all you cannot beat a volunteer army, where such spirit and confidence exists. For remember, I should say at least 93 per cent of the army are volunteers, while the remainder really only wanted their minds made up for them."

Lord Derby was asked whether the ground gained in the recent British advance was worth the losses in men.

Lord Derby said: "There is no question about it."

He paid a tribute to the Prussians, who, he said, "were fighting like tigers," but declared their confident spirit was incomparable with the British.

REOPENED WOUND FORCES VILLA OUT

(By the International News Service.) Chihuahua City, July 25.—(By courier to El Paso), July 26.—Suffering from the reopening of an old bullet wound, "Pancho" Villa has been forced to abandon his operations temporarily.

U-BOAT SUBMERGES; TUG STARTS OUT TO SEA

(By the International News Service.) Baltimore, Md., July 26.—The German submarine Deutschland submerged late this afternoon and at the same time the tug Timmins put out to sea.

Whether the submerging of the undersea boat really meant her departure, or was only a test dive before the actual sailing was not announced.

The captain of the Deutschland secured his clearance papers earlier in the afternoon, calling for his departure within forty-eight hours. After bidding goodbye to friends, he got aboard his boat. Then it was untied from its mooring, and in full sight of the enemy's ships it submerged.

GIRL'S BODY IS FOUND IN POND NEAR RESORT

Special to The Washington Herald. Martha's Vineyard, Mass., July 26.—The body of Henriette McLeod, of Matamoras, was found today in Farm pond, a short distance from Oak Bluffs, a fashionable resort near here, under circumstances, which the State police are endeavoring to unravel. It had been in the water some time.

Ray D. Wells, of Falmouth Heights, was passing the pond this morning when he determined to examine a bundle in the water, which had been observed by passersby for several days. The bundle proved to be the body.

Police investigation leads to the belief that the young woman was murdered and robbed.

'DRY' DENVER UNABLE TO CURE WOMEN 'DRUNKS'

Special to The Washington Herald. Denver, July 26.—Drunkness among women has been slower to decrease under the State prohibition law than among men. Juvenile Court authorities said here today.

Prohibition has cut down the number of cases before the various city courts, 75 per cent. Habitual men drunkards have almost disappeared.

While drinking by women shows a marked decrease, the percentage of habitual "women drunks" who have reformed falls much below that of the men.

LUMBER SOLD BY YARD IN DEPARTMENT STORE

Special to The Washington Herald. Chicago, July 26.—Along with fancy ribbons, women's silk hose and sport shirts, lumber can now be bought over the counter at department stores, it was discovered here today.

It can be bought by the yard, odd lengths can be secured in the bargain basement and various kinds of fancy grains are carried for the more particular lumber customers.

"Lumber at three cents a stick" and "buy a yard of lumber," are examples of the bargain cards placed at the lumber counters.

LANSING IS BOOMED FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK

(By the International News Service.) Watertown, N. Y., July 26.—Secretary of State Robert Lansing is being pushed by Northern Tier Democrats for governor.

Petitions are being circulated in Jefferson, Mr. Lansing's home county, and adjacent counties, urging him to announce himself a candidate and permit his name to be submitted to the voters at the present primaries.

Mr. Lansing is at Henderson Harbor, Lake Ontario.

2,000 INNOCENT IRISH ABUSED, COMMONS TOLD

Leader Charges Cruelty Surpassing that of Germany Toward Belgians.

(By the International News Service.) London, July 26.—In the house of commons today Timothy Healy, one of the Irish leaders, charged that of the three thousand men and women arrested in connection with the Irish rebellion, two thousand were innocent and were treated with a cruelty and ferocity that even Germany had not shown to Belgium.

The home secretary, he charged, by his administration had started the Sinn Féin organization in Ireland, and therefore was the father of the movement. Called to order, Mr. Healy concluded by charging the home secretary with malignant treatment of the prisoners.

W. Field, Nationalist member of Parliament for St. Patrick's, said if the government wished Irishmen's assistance in fighting it must give them fair play. That was all they wanted.

Later Home Secretary Samuel, defending the administration of Gen. Maxwell, the commander-in-chief of the British forces in Ireland, said there was no justification for the charges against the military of a blood thirsty desire for killing's sake. He did not propose to hold any further inquiries into the deaths.

He ended that 1,200 out of the 2,000 persons arrested had been released. Eighty-two women had been released and only two were held as prisoners. Many prisoners, he said, would be released, as they were only the dupes of the leaders and very few will be detained for long.

WOULD BOOST MILITIA'S PAY

Officers Want Men Given the Same "Extras" Drawn Now by U. S. Regulars.

Efforts will be made by militia officers at Camp Ordway to obtain for the District soldiers all the pay and allowances given the men of the regular army, it was learned at Camp Ordway last night.

Extra pay for length of service, increased pay for rifle qualification, and many allowances not now given the militia will be sought. A decision of the Comptroller of Treasury will probably be necessary to obtain a construction of the law, to this effect.

The officers of the supply company of the Third Infantry have discovered that a regular at the time of his first enlistment, is entitled to a full toilet outfit free of charge, and that each company is entitled to a barber kit. Many little things, all allowed to them by law, will be demanded for the District troops.

That the militiaman is entitled to the treatment accorded the regular after he becomes a part of the organized militia, is shown by section 41 of the United States Army Regulations, which state that "the militia, when called into the actual service of the United States, is entitled to the same pay and allowances as are, or may be, provided by law, for the regular army, and pay and allowances commence from the day on which the militia appear at the company rendezvous."

BRIDES NEED SHARP EYES.

Must Learn Men's Finances Before Marrying, Justice Thinks.

New York, July 26.—Supreme Court Justice Kelly, in Brooklyn, denied yesterday an application for alimony and counsel fees made by Mrs. Martha Lent, who has sued to annul her marriage to Leon W. Lent.

She alleges that before marriage he told her his house at Cutchogue, was "a show place of the neighborhood," whereas it turned out to be "a shack one and one-half stories in height and unfit for human habitation."

CAR STRIKE IN BRONX.

Traffic in Northern and Western Parts of Borough Tied Up.

New York, July 26.—The Yonkers street car strike spread to the Bronx today, and practically every surface car in the northern and western part of the borough was tied up.

Big Sea Fight Brewing Off Jutland, Is Report

(International News Service.) London, July 26.—Indications that another sea fight is brewing in the North Sea are contained in the following Central News dispatch received here today:

"West of Jutland something is going on or is being prepared for in the North Sea, according to the increasing activity of ships and air craft. Fishermen returning from the North Sea say they never saw such activity. Occasionally firing is heard, but no actual fighting has been reported."

U. S. SHIPS ON GUARD IN BAY

Cruiser and Destroyers Sent to Prevent Violations of American Neutrality.

The fact that one of the cruisers of the British cordon of warships lying off the Cape in wait for the German submarine Deutschland has entered American territorial waters has prompted the Navy Department to take immediate measures to safeguard this government's neutrality.

The armored cruiser North Carolina, carrying aviators and aircraft, together with three destroyers have been assigned to remain in the vicinity of the sea buoy off Cape Henry to see that American waters are not made the scene of naval operations between belligerents.

The presence of an unidentified British cruiser in American waters was made known to the Navy Department officially in a report from the commandant of the Norfolk navy yard.

This government's interest in the matter is especially keen it is explained because on two previous occasions the United States has called the attention of the British government to instances where British warships were overzealous in their patrol duty near American shores.

CHILE SEEKS LOAN IN U. S.

South American Republic Negotiating \$30,000,000 Deal with New York Firm.

(By the International News Service.) New York, July 26.—The Chile government, which heretofore has been financed through the Rothschilds of London, has approached American bankers for a loan of \$30,000,000. Negotiations now are under way with Chandler and Company, Inc., of New York and Philadelphia.

George B. Dekeim, vice president of Chandler and Company, Inc., who was seen by a reporter today, said: "We are negotiating with the Chilean government for a loan of \$30,000,000. Representatives of the Chilean government have been in this country discussing terms with us and have returned to their native country. We are waiting to hear from them. The loan will probably bear 6 per cent interest and run twenty years. We do not contemplate organizing a syndicate and will probably handle it alone."

Proceeds from the loan, it is said, will be used for railroad construction. The loan, if made, will be the first of its kind to be extended Chile by American bankers since the beginning of the war.

DISGRUNTLED ROOKIES MAY BE DISCHARGED

(By the International News Service.) El Paso, Texas, July 26.—Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff, U. S. A., today announced he would recommend to the Secretary of War that all National Guardsmen on the border who are discontented with camp life be sent back home as soon as military exigency permits.

Gen. Bliss now is making an inspection through the militia camps. He deprecates reports widely spread of the hardships undergone by the militiamen.

PREPARE CELLS FOR NEW YORK AUTOISTS

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, July 26.—Police Commissioner Woods occupied the bench in the Traffic Court today, and issued a warning to the 35,000 motorists of Greater New York that jail sentences would be meted out to flagrant violators of the motor vehicle law after August 1.

In the six weeks the court has existed sixty persons have received jail sentences for violations of the law, and only one sentence has been suspended. Despite this fact, said Magistrate House, the number of arrests for traffic violations does not decrease.

TEUTONS LAUNCH COUNTER-ATTACK TO CHECK CZAR

Von Hindenburg Strives Hard to Stem Tide of Advancing Troops.

(By the International News Service.) London, July 26.—With the Russians making further advances into Galicia and delivering heavy blows on the main road to Lemberg, Field Marshal von Hindenburg has launched a counter blow in the far north.

Fighting of the heaviest character took place along practically the entire eastern front today, extending from the Riga sector, 900 miles southward to Volhynia and Galicia.

The German stroke in the north was delivered by land and air. While an aeroplane squadron was hurling bombs on the Russian station on Oesel, an island in the Gulf of Riga, Hindenburg's troops drove against the Russians 200 miles west of Riga. The official statement received tonight from Petrograd admits they pierced the Russian front, but declared they later were driven back.

That this is only the first move in an offensive designed to relieve the pressure on Linsingen and Von Boehm-Ermolli's corps in the south is the opinion here.

The Russians succeeded in further bending back the Austro-German lines in the south, and have captured more than 4,000 additional prisoners, Petrograd announces.

New crossings of the Slonevka River, a branch of the Styra, have been made, while against Ermolli's front the Muscovites are conducting an encircling movement against Brody, the important Galician point.

KAISER FEARS ANOTHER FOE

Berlin and Vienna Believe Roumania Is Almost Ready to Strike.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Rotterdam, via London, July 26.—Both Berlin and Vienna seem to have made up their minds that a new enemy—Roumania—is about to enter the field.

According to information from Berlin, the deepest anxiety prevails there.

While the Roumanian journals are speaking of Bulgaria and Austria as probable enemies, German newspapers threaten Roumania.

Germany will support her allies by probable military measures against Roumania which already are in hand.

Dr. Lederer, correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, writing from Bucharest says: "You cannot trust the Roumanian policy. The only thing we can trust is our arms."

SEES DRINKING CUPS FOR DOGS.

Philadelphia Official Calls Present Law Absurd.

Philadelphia, July 26.—Drinking cups for dogs and horses were predicted for the near future by Park Commissioner James Pollock today. The commissioner does not think that the introduction of individual cups in parks is necessary. He said: "The time will come when the law will require drinking cups dangling from the necks of dogs and cats. It is absurd. Many a time have I scooped water up in my hat and drunk it. I guess I have swallowed many a tadpole, too, but I'm still here."

1,255 CHICKENS STOLEN.

Farmer Is Left Only Forty Fowls by Bold Thieves.

Alexandria, Ind., July 26.—"I raised more than 1,300 chickens this year," said Cleve Walker, a young farmer, "but I don't think I shall ever embark in the chicken business again in my life."

Walker added that out of the 1,300 chickens forty have been sold and all the remainder but five have been stolen.

PAYS HUSBY TO IRON.

Then Has Him Arrested on Non-support Charge.

CHINAMAN FOR ALLIES; GERMANS ARREST HIM

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, July 26.—His loyalty to the English cause, his loud and repeated boasts of his allegiance, coupled with his being possessor of a particularly ferocious grin, won a trip to the Northeastern Police Station this morning for Charlie Chin, a Chinese laundryman.

It is all because Charlie lives in a neighborhood populated almost entirely by families of German origin. Believing China to be an ally of Great Britain, the glossy-finish artist has elected himself a defender of the allies' cause. It was testified this morning before Justice Clift by a dozen or more neighbors that the Chinaman makes frequent appearances on the step to his shop and shouts in pidgin English, "I'm English, hooray! We win! Dutch no good!"

WOMEN'S SHOES TO COST MORE; OF DULL COLORS

Special to The Washington Herald. Chicago, July 26.—Styles of shoes, especially for women, will be of the "common stock variety, instead of the excessive high-top kind," next season, according to statements of manufacturers made today at the convention of the Illinois Shoe Dealers' Association. The colors will be dull grays and champagne, due to the shortage in dyestuffs.

The prediction also was made that there would be an increase of from 20 to 40 per cent in the price of shoes the coming winter, because of the war, which has shut off the supply of dyestuffs and imported leather.

WABASH BREAKS BANKS; FLOODS NEAR-BY TOWNS

(By the International News Service.) Pottsville, Pa., July 26.—The Wabash River broke its banks at Tamazua early this morning and flooded the town. The water rushed through the main street six feet deep. All business stores are flooded and stock ruined. The loss is between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The town of Gilbert, in the Mahoning Valley, is under four feet of water. Passenger traffic from the North is suspended, owing to a twenty-foot fissure which runs beneath the Pennsylvania tracks near Frankville. Passenger trains were flagged in order to prevent a disastrous wreck.

PRIZE COURT DECIDES FOOD SEIZURE CASE

(By the International News Service.) London, July 26.—Announcement was made today in the prize court that settlement has been reached regarding the application for the condemnation of 3,200 tons of food stuffs on board the seized American steamship Maraca. The terms of the agreement were not stated.

Regarding the ship itself, it was agreed that a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the vessel shall remain in the hands of the court as a prize fund, while the balance will be paid to the owners. It was stated that the terms were subject to the consent of the American court.

BRITISH NOT TO ISSUE A SECOND BLACKLIST

(By the International News Service.) London, July 26.—The government has no intention of issuing another blacklist.

This statement was made to the International News Service by the foreign trade department. The statement added: "We have other precautionary lists for private use, such as censored and banking lists, but they are only for the purpose of observing telegrams and correspondence. No penalty attaches to British subjects trading with firms on such lists."

THUGS' VICTIM IS LEFT IN WOODS THREE DAYS

Special to The Washington Herald. Sanford, Del., July 26.—This section is wrought up over the murder of John K. Larrimore, a medicine salesman, who was found unconscious in woods near here. He was found partly covered with brush and rushed to the nearest physician.

Larrimore had been beaten and his money and valuables were missing. He revived long enough to tell that he had been attacked by three negroes. Then he died. He had been lying in the woods three days, according to his statement. Search is being made for the murderers.

HAVANA SHARKS LEFT FOR NORTH, IS THEORY

Special to The Washington Herald. Havana, July 26.—Harbor fishermen believe that the sharks that thronged these tropical waters have migrated to the North American coast.

At the mouth of the harbor and around the rocks at the foot of Morro Castle the man-eaters have been more abundant than the oldest fisherman can recollect.

SWEET MUSIC PLAYED AS SING SING INMATES EAT

Special to The Washington Herald. Ossining, N. Y., July 26.—Warden Osborne has prohibited inmates from smoking in Sing Sing prison during working hours.

MEXICAN STORM MAY CUT PEACE PARLEY SHORT

Officials Predict that Trouble Brewing Across Border Will Engulf Carranza.

Well informed State Department officials intimated yesterday that "a storm may burst in Mexico" which may end abruptly the diplomatic discussion in Washington between Acting Secretary Polk and Ambassador-designate Arredondo.

Those officials declared the developments in Mexico prove that the plans for an adjustment of the Mexican problem by either a commission or diplomatic exchanges here are a futile instance of "absent treatment," while the difficulties themselves, both on the border and in Mexico, are increasing.

It was asserted by these officials also that Carranza's government is not respected by his own cabinet, and that his collapse is imminent.

Carranza's statement published yesterday indicates, officials said, that he is insisting that as a condition precedent to a discussion of other issues between the United States and Mexico, that American troops shall be withdrawn from Mexico. They declared no actual progress has been made in the direct negotiations between the State Department and Gen. Carranza, and that indications point to a suspension of the conference between Mr. Polk and Mr. Arredondo unless Carranza recedes from the position he has taken.

Information has reached the State Department that Villa's strength is increasing and that he may soon be in a position to try conclusions again with Carranza.

STRIKE VOTED BY TRAINMEN

Approximately 96 Per Cent of Union Members Are for Walk-out, Is Forecast.

(By the International News Service.) St. Louis, July 26.—"The strike vote" of the four train service brotherhoods, complete this midnight, resulted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

Confidential advices from all sections of the country justify the forecast that from between 95 and 98 per cent of the brotherhoods' membership has voted in favor of a nation-wide strike, affecting practically every railroad in the United States and approximately 450,000 employees.

In the St. Louis district the percentage will probably exceed this estimate.

The vote on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas is said to have fallen a little short of that of the Pisco, the percentage in favor of strike being estimated at 93. The strike percentage on the Missouri Pacific was estimated tonight at approximately 97.

Neither brotherhood nor railway officials would discuss the matter for publication tonight. Leaders of the employees predicted the tabulated vote to be made in New York soon would be 97 to 98.

It is planned to have the counting finished by August 6, and a monster mass meeting of the brotherhoods has been called for the Amsterdam Opera House in New York that night. The result of the vote will then be announced.

ONE CENT ADVANCE ON MILK THREATENS

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, July 26.—H. A. Emerson, general manager of State auctions, speaking for the New York department of foods and markets, made this prediction today:

"The commissioner's office is very fearful that if the farmer does not get at least a cent advance in the price of his milk during the next twelve months over the last twelve months, there will be a strike here that will make very serious trouble. It may stir up bad blood which will last for years. The Chicago strike will be a meagre affair as compared with the one that now looms—perhaps in the not distant future."

LIFE-TERMER TO BE FREED.

Former Danville Police Chief, Convicted of Murder, Out Saturday.

Savannah, Ga., July 26.—Thomas Edgar Stripling, who was found acting as chief of police in Danville, Va., in March, 1911, and brought back to the State Penitentiary here to serve a life term for a murder committed in 1897, will go free Saturday.

For more than five years his family and friends failed in their efforts to obtain a pardon. On Saturday, however, it will be issued by Gov. Harris.

Train Wrecked; Twelve Killed.

El Paso, Texas, July 26.—From 12 to 15 persons were killed and more than 20 were injured when a northbound train on the Mexican National lines turned over into a gulley near Monterey, Mexico, last night, according to dispatches reaching here today.